

District Court Judge

John R. Lohff, Third Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: December 29, 1943
PLACE OF BIRTH: Des Moines, Iowa
NAME OF SPOUSE: Nancy Blunck
CHILDREN: Katherine
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 26 years
Anchorage 1975 to present

EDUCATION:
West High School (Waterloo, Iowa), 1959-1962, Diploma;
University of Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa), 1962-1967, B.A. Political
Science; Golden Gate University (San Francisco, California),
1970-1973, J.D.

MILITARY SERVICE:
U.S. Army, 7 years, 9 months, Captain, Bronze Star (Viet Nam
service), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army
Commendation Medal, Ranger, Air Borne.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Policeman (San Francisco), during law school, 1970-1971.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Alaska Bar Association Executive Director, 1979; private
practice of law, 1979-1991.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Alaska Bar Association

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family activities, camping, hiking, wood working, mountain climbing, reading, church.

STATEMENT:

The District Court is a high volume court. Because of this high volume, District Court judges have a duty to control the flow of each case. The judge must take the time to listen to each person who appears in court and at the same time make decisions promptly. I feel that I accomplish these important tasks very capably.

My continued commitment as a judge, in both criminal and civil cases, is to perform my duties to the highest standards. I work hard to treat all parties fairly, decide justly, and use firmness tempered with compassion. Finally, I strive to maintain the highest degree of integrity in all my work as a judge. It is my earnest desire and hope to continue these important tasks for the people of Alaska.

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge John R. Lohff, District Court, Anchorage

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Lohff to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain him as a district court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Lohff on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Lohff 4.0 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.2) in the categories of conduct free from impropriety and courtesy. He scored 3.8 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	CourtWatch Survey
Legal Ability	3.8	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.0	4.4	4.8	4.4	---
Integrity	4.2	4.4	---	4.4	---
Temperament	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.4	---
Diligence	4.0	4.4	---	4.4	---
Special Skills	4.0	4.4	---	---	---
Overall	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	3.9

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

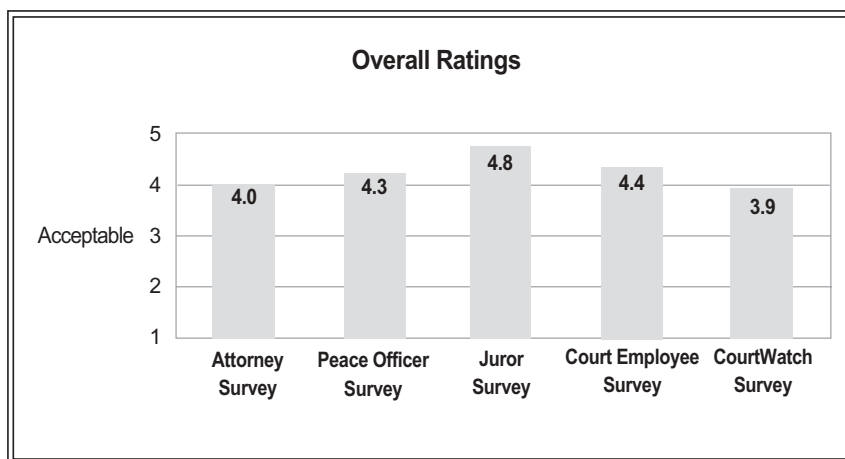
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
 4.0 = Good
 3.0 = Acceptable
 2.0 = Deficient
 1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Lohff on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Lohff 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.5) in the categories of judicial temperament and ability for cases involving children and families. He scored 4.3 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Lohff in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.4 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. The CourtWatch Report prepared by Victims for Justice gave Judge Lohff a 3.9 overall rating on a scale of 5.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Judge Lohff

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